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DETAILED ACTION

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

- (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.
- 2. Claims 1-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Andriash (U.S. 5,939,168).

Andriash teaches a perforated film with an opaque back layer with the perforations being 10-68% of the area of the film with use of a back adhesive layer (15a) being an option (claim 1, col. 6, lines 10-35). A back light may be used (col. 3, lines 10-25). The instant invention claims a panel with 10 to 35% perforated area that reflects at least about 50% of the light incident on the back of the laminate. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to select 10 to 35% from the range given by Andriash and the use of a back adhesive layer as these are taught options in the reference. As the

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structures are similar the amount of reflection is taken as being the same.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William P. Watkins III whose telephone number is 703-308-2420. The examiner works an increased flex time schedule, but can normally be reached Monday through Friday, 11:30 A.M. through 8:00 P.M. Eastern Time. The examiner returns all calls within one business day unless an extended absence is noted on his voice mail greeting.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon can be reached on 703-308-4251. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9310 for regular communications and 703-872-9311 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0651.

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WW/ww August 26, 2002

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PRIMARY EXAMINER